(6) Whether proper accounts of income and expenditure in each Devaswom were kept.

In conclusion, the Member added that it would be well if the management of the *Ooranma* Devaswoms was placed under the supervision of Government and the Tahsildar asked to inspect the Devaswoms and their accounts once or twice in the year and initial the accounts.

VI.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

(2) Medical Relief—(*Continued*).

110. Reorganisation of the Ayurveda Department.

Mr. N. Narayana Panikkar (Member, Thiruvalla Taluk) dwelt upon the peculiar virtues of the Ayurvedic system of treatment and said that it was not sufficient if the pupils in the Ayurvedic school studied a good deal of theory by rote. The Ayurvedic School should be improved with facilities for the performance of surgical operations. If that was not done, there was no use in maintaining the institution. The reforms proposed by the Member were:—

(1) Lecturers versed in Ayurvedic and English systems of Medicine should be appointed in the Ayurvedic School.

(2) There should be a Central Ayurvedic Hospital for treatment of general diseases with provision for surgical operations, practice of midwifery and other forms of up-to-date treatment.

(3) There should be a factory for the preparation of all kinds of medicines and drugs, such as tinctures, syrups, essences, &c., and a medical laboratory for research.

(4) There should be provision for the training of women and encouragement in the shape of scholarships should be given to them.

(5) Class work should not last for more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

(6) Examinations should be held and those coming out successful should be given degrees and diplomas.

(7) Grant-in-aid should be given to the degree-holders only.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

111. Establishment of an Ayurveda Patasala in Central Travancore.

Mr. N. Padmanabhan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) prayed that a well-equipped Ayurvedic institution be started in some locality in Central Travancore. The Member also suggested that the Director of Ayurveda be ordered to make an enquiry as to how many candidates passed from the Trivandrum Ayurvedic School till now and how many of them followed the profession.

Dewan's reply.—The question of reorganising the Ayurveda Patasala at Trivandrum is under the consideration of Government. The other suggestion of the Member is noted.

VII EDUCATION.—(*Continued*).

112. Education.

Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai B. A. & B. L. (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) said that, though a good deal had been accomplished as a result of the working of the voluntary principle of education, there were some defects. In the first place, the strength in the Vernacular schools of the State in all classes had been so alarmingly rising that a large number of youths were being turned out every year with a fund of literary instruction the only use of which was to make its recipients aspire for appointments in the Government service. He was not oblivious of the fact that Government were steadily endeavouring to impart agricultural and industrial education to the boys and girls and that 6 foreign scholarships had also been awarded. But what those scholarship-holders were going to do on their return was a problem to be satisfactorily solved. The scientific knowledge of those young men should be utilized

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